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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 1-18 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

The originally presented invention was directed to the embodiment wherein the thermo-plastic tubular structure is disposed within the metal conduit and heat and pressure is applied to the thermo plastic tubular structure, thereby causing the thermo plastic tubular structure to mechanically couple with the metal conduit wherein an outer surface of the thermo plastic tubular structure is longitudinally coupled with an inner surface of the metal conduit. This embodiment was originally claimed in previous claim 1 and is disclosed on page 5, paragraph [0021] of the specification.

The newly submitted claims 1-18 are now directed to another embodiment which is patentably distinct and independent of the originally presented invention because newly submitted claims 1-18 are drawn to the embodiment wherein the metal conduit is heated to a first temperature, the thermoplastic tubular structure is cooled to a second temperature below the melting point of the thermoplastic material of the thermoplastic tubular structure, and injecting a resin material between the metal conduit and the thermoplastic tubular structure after the cooling. This embodiment can be found on page 12, paragraph [0058] of the specification.

The two inventions that were presented are related as patentably distinct species.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution

on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-18 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. Therefore, the amendment filed on 7-6-06 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because of the reasons set forth above.

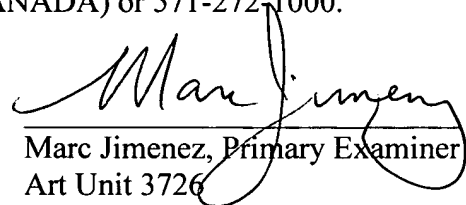
Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc Jimenez whose telephone number is (571) 272-4530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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